

# AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE TOT PENALTIES & INTEREST RELATED TO COVID-19

CITY COUNCIL MEETING





 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Waive Penalties and Interest Related to Transient Occupancy Tax ("TOT") Remittances from San Bruno Hotels Related to COVID-19

#### Agenda



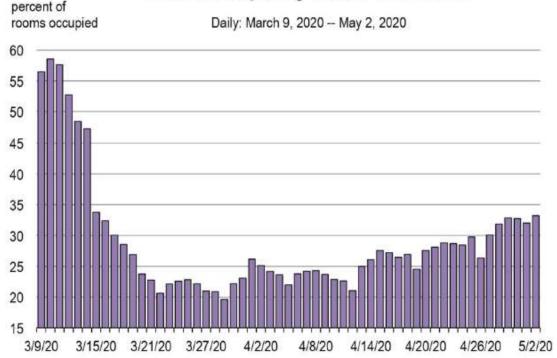
- COVID-19 Impact on Hotel Industry
- II. TOT Requirements in Municipal Code
- III. Request to Provide Authority to City Manager during the Declaration of Emergency
- IV. Request to Council & Questions

## COVID-19 Impact on Hotel Industry



- March 2020 shelterin-place order
  - Significant decline in hotel occupancy
  - Temporary closing of hotels in San Bruno
  - Reduced workforce
  - Acquiring financing to stay in operation
  - Reduce room rates
- Delayed remittance of TOT to the City





Source: California Economic Forecast, June 26, 2020

## TOT Requirements in Municipal Code



- San Bruno Municipal Code Section 3.32.060
  - TOT remittance required monthly
  - Hotel operators that fail to remit will be assessed a 10% penalty on the tax owed
  - Penalties for continued delinquency
  - 1% interest per month for continued delinquency

### Request Authority to City Manager



- Hotel business roundtable on July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Penalties and interest impose an undue hardship on hotels
- Recommend authority provided to the City Manager to waive penalties and interest related to COVID-19
  - Effective beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Authority will end at the termination of the emergency
  - Requires full TOT remittance or an approved payment plan





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